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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claim 23 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 23 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the subject matter of its parent claim 21. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 23 is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Rejected claims 21 and 22 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending, namely, claims 1-20 and 23-25, are now in condition for immediate allowance.

Submitted herewith is a STATEMENT OF STATUS/SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS, as required by 37 CFR 1.173(c).

RE: REISSUE DECLARATION/REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 251

Claims 1-20 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 USC 251 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. Since a reissue declaration was filed with the original application papers that properly identified one error upon which reissue is based, a supplemental reissue declaration should not be required

until the application is in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the requirement for submission of a supplemental reissue declaration be deferred until allowance. See MPEP 1444.

In any event, a supplemental reissue declaration is now being prepared and will be submitted in due course.

RE: FORM OF THIS AMENDMENT

It is respectfully pointed out that this Amendment has been prepared in the proper format for a reissue application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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